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## High School Coach Charged with Sexually Abusing Third Teen

A former assistant track coach charged with having sexual relations with two teenagers is now accused of having inappropriate sexual contact with a third minor, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Johnny Arellano (dob 10/18/91) of Norwalk faces 10 felony counts: three counts of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor, three counts of sexual penetration by foreign object of a minor, three counts of oral copulation of a minor and one count of sodomy of a minor.

Case VA146017 was amended this morning to add four additional charges. The defendant pleaded not guilty today to the new counts. He was originally arraigned on Oct. 10.

Deputy District Attorney Michael DeRose of the Victim Impact Program, who is assigned to the case, said Arellano was the former assistant track coach at Norwalk High School.

Between June and October 2017, the defendant allegedly engaged in sexual acts with two female students, the prosecutor said. A concerned adult alerted authorities and the defendant was taken into custody on Oct. 5, the prosecutor added.

After further investigation, law enforcement learned of a third teenage girl who was reportedly involved in a sexual relationship with Arellano for several months, according to the prosecutor.

The defendant is scheduled to return to court on Nov. 30 for a preliminary hearing setting in Department J of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch.

If convicted as charged, Arellano faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.